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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD--TALKING POINTS

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1. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY
TO SEEK TO IMPRESS ON KUWAITI OFFICIALS THE NEED FOR ADDI-
TIONAL KUWAITI FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARILY FUNDED UN
PROGRAMS INCLUDING UNDP, UNICEF AND UNRWA. SUGGESTED TALK-
ING POINTS FOLLOW ON UNICEF.

2. UNICEF

--UNICEF WORKS CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENTS AND WITH BILATERAL
AND MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO INTEGRATE
ALL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, SUCH AS HEALTH,
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FAMILY PLANNING, NUTRITION, AND EDUCATION. SOME 102 COUN-
TRIES RECEIVE ASSISTANCE.

--WITH THE INHUMAN CONDITIONS FACING MANY MILLIONS OF CHIL-
DREN AROUND THE GLOBE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1977 UR-
GENTLY APPEALED TO GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY
THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS SO AS TO REACH AN ANNUAL REVENUE FROM

ALL SOURCES OF \$200 MILLION BY 1979.

--THE U.S., ALREADY THE MAJOR SINGLE DONOR TO UNICEF, INCREASED ITS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION BY 25 PERCENT TO \$25 MILLION FOR 1978 AND WE ARE HOPEFUL FOR ANOTHER VERY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN 1979.

--WE ENCOURAGE KUWAIT TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION AND TO MAKE A MAJOR INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF ITS CONTRIBUTION ABOVE THE \$100 THOUSAND PROVIDED IN BOTH 1976 AND 1977. VANCE

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